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1. HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH REFTEL A.

2. WHILE WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED PROGRAM WITH GOI WE THINK
IDEA OF VISIT TO CHANDIGARH AREA IS EXCELLENT. SINCE DRIV-
ING TIME DELHI-CHANDIGRAH IS APPROXIMATELY 5 HOURS WE REC-
OMMEND GROUP PLAN TO FLY TO CHANDIGARH AND THEN PROCEED
BY CAR (2 HOURS AWAY) TO THE NAGAL FERTILIZER PROJECT, EXT-
ENSION OF WHICH IS BEING FINANCED BY IDA. GROUP COULD ALSO VISIT
FARMS IN THE AREA (1970 IDA PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL CREDIT
WHICH IS SIMILIAR TO IDA CREDITS ELSEWHERE IN INDIA HAS NOT
BEEN DRAWN DOWN. HOWEVER GROUP COULD EXAMINE TYPE OF
PROJECTS IN IDA LOAN AND DISCUSS REASONS FOR FAILURE TO
IMPLEMENT SO FAR).

3. THERE IS NO AGRICULTRUAL SCHOOL IN CHANDIGARH BUT
GROUP MAY WISH TO VISIT PUNJAB AGRICULTRUAL UNIVERSITY IN
LUDHIANA WHICH RECEIVED USAID (NO WORLD BANK) ASSISTANCE.

4. IF GROUP WISHES TO PURSUE ALL OF THE ABOVE IT WOULD
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BE BEST FOR IT TO OVERNIGHT IN CHANDIGARH.

5. POSSIBLE OTHER POINT OF INTEREST WOULD BE FLY FROM CHANDIGARH TO AGRA FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO LARGE CHAMBAL IRRIGATION PROJECT. WORLD BANK FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR EXPANSION FOR THIS PROJECT AS A RESULT OF GOI FINANCING. GROUP COULD CONTINUE TO JAIPUR OR RETURN TO AGRA AND FLY BACK TO DELHI. ALTERNATIVELY IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SUBSTITUTE VISIT TO PANT NAGAR IN UP (TARAI SEEDS PROJECT) AS WELL AS VISIT AGRICULTURAL RESEARNQ FACILITIES THERE.

6. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE VISIT TO BOMBAY TO SEE BOMBAY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT AND CONSULT WITH ICICI AND IDBI WHICH RECEIVE BANK FUNDS.

7. IF ABOVE IDEAS OF INTEREST WE WOULD ENVISAGE FIRST FULL DAY TO BE SPENT IN DELHI TALKING TO WORLD BANK, GOI, AND EMBASSY. SECOND FULL DAY WOULD BE SPENT IN PUNJAB OR PANT NAGAR AREAS WITH THIRD DAY IN AGRA, JAIPUR AND CHAMBAL IRRIGATION AREA OR BOMBAY. WE WISH TO STRESS WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED ANY OF THESE IDEAS WITH GOI AND DO NOT WISH TO DO SO UNTIL WE KNOW MORE ABOUT GROUP'S INTERESTS.

8. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHAT TYPE OF PROGRAM DESIRED SINCE IT WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE NEGOTIATIONS AND PREPARATIONS WITH GOI TO SET UP PROGRAM PARTICULARLY DURING HOLIDAY SEASON.
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